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Amendments to the Specification:**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 3 as follows:

FIG. 8a is a diagram of an illustrative contact object of the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 28 as follows:

In general the NDP 19 sends a contact object 25 to the OBCL 20 10 when the OBCL 10 connects to the NSP 19 for the first time after the user subscribes to the NSP 19. The contact object 25 may then be stored on the storage device 14 of the client computer 11 on which the OBCL 10 runs. In such a case the OBCL 10 loads the contact object from the storage device into its runtime environment at startup and sends the CID 65 of the contact object 25 to the NSP 19 after sending the corresponding SID 24 to the NSP 19. Subsequently, the NSP 19 uses the CID 65 to uniquely identify the contact object 65- 25. The CID 65 also functions as a version number for the contact object 25 and, together with the client computer capability data, allows the NSP 19 to decide whether or not to create and send a new version of the contact object 25 to the OBCL 10.